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FINANCIAL PACKAGE OF CHHATTISGARH
Mohale Shri Punnulal

Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chhattisgarh Government have sought any financial package for the developmental works in the State;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a):Yes, Sir. The Government of Chhattisgarh sought a special economic package involving Rs. 1435 Crore which would be similar to the one granted to Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal for industrial development and also for socio economic development of the areas which are severely affected by left wing extremism .
(b)&(c) : As regards industrial development, It has not been found feasible by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry to extend special incentives to Chhattisgarh as at present such special incentive packages are being considered for special category of States and for areas which are least industrially developed , remote and inaccessible
Regarding socio-economic development of the extremist affected districts, the Backward Districts Initiatives under the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) have been formulated for dealing with the specific problems of the backward districts of the country, some of which have also been affected by left wing extremism. Under the scheme, Rs.45 crore have been released to the Chhattisgarh State during 2003-04.